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Please note: This is the last regularly scheduled influenza news release; however, the North Dakota Department of Health influenza website www.ndflu.com will continue to be updated each Thursday throughout the season.

State Health Department Reports 1,623 Cases of Influenza

Influenza Update #9 – Jan. 29, 2004

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced that 1,623 cases of influenza have been reported in the state, up from 1,600 reported last week.

The following is a breakdown by age of the influenza cases reported to the department:

- Younger than 10 – 673
- Ages 10 to 19 – 335
- Ages 20 to 29 – 190
- Ages 30 to 39 – 94
- Ages 40 to 49 – 58
- Ages 50 to 59 – 51
- Age 60 and older – 222

“The good news is that the number of new cases is declining,” said Tracy Miller, epidemiologist with the North Dakota Department of Health. “However, the season usually lasts through May, and we still may see another peak in the number of cases. That’s why we still are encouraging people to get vaccinated.”

According to Miller, anyone who is seeking vaccine should contact his or her health-care provider or local public health unit to determine vaccine availability.

For more information about influenza activity in North Dakota, visit www.ndflu.com.

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